



MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 2005

Participants: Jim Dickey, Richard Gaar, Ken Sweet, Anna Shane, Olivia Guerrero, Rex Critchfield, Michael Hegarty, Jim Murphy, Maxine Leather, Susan Gerard, Mack Luckie, Marie Lopez-Rogers, Anna Maria Chavez

Absent: Cherie Campbell, Amy St. Peter, John Anderson, Mike Medora, Jack Shambaugh, Martin Ince, Brian Babiars

Staff present: Shandra Olsson, Gregg Kiely, Eileen Colleran

I. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 AM and members introduced themselves.

II. Approval of December 5 minutes Jim Dickey

The Council approved the minutes as written.

III. Action Plan Jim Dickey

Gregg Kiely gave an overview of the action plan and stated that the plan was the culmination of the statewide assessment that was performed under the grant from the Federal Transit Administration. Suzanne O'Neill, of Nelson/Nygaard Consultants reviewed the specific areas within the action plan.

The Council approved the action plan as written.

Jim noted that the action plan as well as the final report would be delivered to the Governor's Office next week.

IV. Pinal Rides Pilot Rick Evans

Rick Evans, of RAE Consultants, provided an overview of the Pinal Rides Pilot (see attached). Mack Luckie asked if the Pinal Rides Pilot had considered using a Regional Transportation Authority as the vehicle to help push this effort forward. Rick responded that they were not that far along and may want to look at this in the future. Jim suggested that the Council look at whether a Regional Transportation Authority might help some or all of the regions in their efforts to coordinate.

V. Arizona Rides Brochure Jim Dickey

Members requested some corrections to the draft. A revised version will be available at the next meeting.

VI. Final Report Jim Dickey

Suzanne O'Neill gave an overview of the final report on the statewide needs assessment.

VII. Roundtable Discussion Jim Dickey

Jim Dickey provided the Council with the web site for Arizona Rides <http://www.azdot.gov/ptd/AzRides.asp>.

Anna Maria Chavez thanked all the members for participating in the Council. She requested that the Council develop a one-page information sheet for use with elected officials to educate them on the initiative. Jim noted that we do have a power point on the web site that can be used.

Jim Dickey noted that there would be several open house meetings to provide education about changes in the 5310 (Elderly & Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program) and 5311 (Rural Public Transportation Program) and coordination efforts. He also mentioned that the new transportation reauthorization bill (SAFETEA-LU) allows ADOT to work with other state agencies on these programs.

Olivia Guerrero asked whether anyone has done any research on insurance issues that is one of the most costly administrative functions and is often a barrier to coordination. Jim Dickey suggested that this should be an issue that the Council looks at.

VIII. Call to the Public Jim Dickey

There were no public comments.

IX. Agenda Items/Meeting Schedule

Jim suggested the following items for the next agenda: Funding/Investments, Pinal Rides update, Grant projects update, Barriers/Strategies, MAG update.

The meeting schedule for 2006 is as follows:

Thursday, March 2 - 10:30 to 12:30
Thursday, May 4 - 10:30 to 12:30
Thursday, July 6 - 10:30 to 12:30
Thursday, Sept 7 - 10:30 to 12:30
Thursday, Nov 2 - 10:30 to 12:30